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FURNACE

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 July 28, 2009

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated June 2, 2009, please reconsider the aboveidentified based on the following remarks:

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